

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A CDNA system creates one central repository, a master DNA (MDNA) index, which enables multiple intra- and/or inter-company electronic storage facilities to share data by assigning to each customer and storing in the master DNA (MDNA) index a unique identification number, i.e., a customer DNA (CDNA) number. Each data source also assigns to each customer and stores in the corresponding electronic storage facility a unique identification number, i.e., a customer ID, for uniquely identifying the customer information stored in the electronic storage facility. Furthermore, each electronic storage facility is identified by a data storage identifier. For each electronic storage facility that stores customer information, the master DNA (MDNA) index cross references the CDNA ID of the customer with a data storage identifier and a customer ID for retrieving the customer information stored in the electronic storage facility.

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